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FERRY WORKERS' DEMANDS
Workers of another public utility company — the Hong Kong & Yau-mat Ferry Company — presented demands for an increase in wages, etc., on Thursday, it was learned yesterday. There was no change during the day at the Hong Kong Electric Company's North Point power house, the workmen of which completed their first week of being out on strike at 4 p.m.

The Ferry Company's workers have presented 11 demands, calling for an increase in wages, a ration of 1½ cwt. of rice per head a day and improved working conditions. The men expect their demands to be accepted and implemented by Saturday, June 1.

The demands apparently came as a complete surprise to the Company, which had received no prior intimation that such action was contemplated. The "China Mail," on making enquiries at the Company's office, was informed that the matter has been referred to Government for the present service on the order, and under the direction of Government and cannot make a decision itself.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Hong Kong Electric Co. strikers called at the Labour Office yesterday morning. No information was forthcoming as to the result.

Labour Board Meets
In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Labour Advisory Board, which sat until a late hour yesterday evening, but once again there was no information as to the result or any official statement issued on its deliberations.

Electricity Supply
The attention of all consumers of the Hong Kong Electric Co., is directed to the efforts now being made by the non-Chinese staff of this firm to maintain and supply as much electric power as is possible under the present difficult circumstances.

It is impossible for technical reasons to generate as much electricity as was done prior to May 17 and it naturally follows that certain areas of the Colony must of necessity be switched off. It is desired to point out that this curtailment of supply, is being carried out under a definite policy, in order to cause as little inconvenience as is possible to the public at large.

The supply is being maintained to all hospitals, police stations and fire-stations, and as far as possible to newspapers, cinemas, places of public entertainment, the business centre of the city, hotels and restaurants. It is regretted that not all of the latter can be supplied.

RUSSIA WANTS A LOAN
Washington, May 24. Russia has made renewed overtures for a loan from the United States of \$1,000,000,000, which immediately attracted Congressional attention that Moscow first guaranteed Soviet cooperation in world economic affairs.

Chairman Spencer, of the House Banking Committee, said: "We should certainly insist upon Russia joining the Bretton Woods World Bank and Fund." At the State Department, meanwhile, the apparent tendency was to regard any Soviet loan as a remote proposition.—Associated Press.

German War Memorials
London, May 24. Lord Nathan, Under-Secretary for War, promised the House of Lords to call the Government's attention to the protests against the proposed destruction of German war memorials.

Lord Saltoun said that to destroy these memorials would only make them more dear to the Germans and stain our reputation. He said he was sure that every soldier in the British Army would agree with his protest.

The Bishop of Chichester said that it was sacrilege to mutilate or maim memorials to the fallen.

Lord Nathan, in his reply, said that the directive was the decision of the four occupying powers and referred only to warlike memorials which would help to perpetuate Nazi and militaristic principles. He named as examples the statues of Wilhelm II, Ludendorff and Hitler, Swastikas and eagles on barracks and street names.

There was no intention, he said, to interfere with memorials of those who died in war. Village memorials would remain unaffected and harmless memorials of a religious nature would be respected.—Reuter.

DEBATE ON EGYPT
Mr. Eden Tells Mr. Bevin What He Himself Would Do
"Ernie" Criticises Churchill

LONDON, MAY 24.
THE BIG DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW BRITISH FORCES FROM EGYPT WAS BEGUN BY THE OPPOSITION SPEAKER, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, CONSERVATIVE AND FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY. GENERAL SMUTS, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, WAS IN THE DOMINIONS GALLERY.

MR. EDEN BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE OPPOSITION CONCEIVED IT THEIR DUTY TO KEEP FOREIGN POLITICS OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS AND POLITICAL CONTROVERSY. "IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I TURN TO THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION DECLARED MR. EDEN.

It was his conviction that if the Foreign Secretary could speak in the councils of nation with the knowledge that he had the support of all principal parties in the state, his hand would be correspondingly be strengthened.

Mr. Eden said that what he would be inclined to do if he were in Mr. Bevin's place would be to advise the Government to complete the withdrawal from the great cities to the Canal Zone.

He said he could not believe that the anxiety of the average Egyptian was about troops and establishments he did not see in the Canal Zone. It was about troops and staff cars he saw driving about the capital cities.

He would also convey to the Egyptian Government that if a revision of the treaty was to be agreed upon, it was in the interest of both countries that it should be negotiated and signed as was the 1936 treaty by all parties in Egypt. Otherwise they would be in danger of making some arrangements which had no finality. That was not in criticism of the Government of the present Egyptian Government.

He would ensure that the new agreement provide for the continuation of the Anglo-Egyptian alliance.

GOVT. DEFEAT IN LORDS

LONDON, MAY 24.
The Government was defeated by 65 votes to 13 in the House of Lords today, where the Conservative Opposition has an overwhelming majority. It was the first division in the House of Lords during this parliament.

The issue was control of investments. The Earl of Munster (Conservative) thought it unnecessary for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to have power to control investments permanently, and he moved an amendment limiting the period during which the Bill—Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill—could operate to five years.

Lord Pakenham for the Government said full employment over a period was impossible without a degree of stability of private investments.

The Government defeat is not of immediate significance. The bill will return to the House of Commons, where the Government can accept or reject the Lords' amendments.

If—and it is unlikely—an agreement is not reached with the House of Lords, the Government can drop the bill and reintroduce it next session.

Under the Parliament Act, a bill may, within a certain prescribed period, be presented for Royal Assent and become an act without being sent to the House of Lords.—Reuter.

Trouble Ahead?
Whether the action of the Conservative peers provokes the biggest parliamentary dispute for years depends on the Conservative Member of Parliament, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, Speaker in the House of Commons, says Reuters Political Correspondent.

DOCTORS STRIKE
Paris, May 24. Weddings and funerals were held up in Calais today when doctors went on strike in protest against the alleged failure of the Government to provide them with transport, death certificates and health certificates for marriages were unobtainable.—Reuter.

Clash Near Tel Aviv

Jerusalem, May 24.
A clash between members of a British airborne unit and Jewish soldiers from another regiment took place at Beit Nabala near the Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

Preliminary inquiries show that the disturbance arose through remarks which were regarded as insulting and directed at the airborne soldiers. Five of them were slightly injured and seven Jewish soldiers received minor treatment.

The incident which occurred on Sunday evening is being officially investigated.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Considered Attack On Japan

Washington, May 24.
The Congressional Pearl Harbour investigation ended yesterday with a statement by former Secretary of War Henry Stimson that the late President Roosevelt "was undoubtedly considering" an attack on the Japanese forces which were threatening south Asia late in 1941.

But to his recollection, Stimson advised the Senate Inquiry Committee in written responses to a series of questions submitted by Senator Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, the late President never formally announced any decision of this kind to his chief military advisers nor would he have acted without consent of Congress.

Stimson's answers went into the Committee's record along with the replies by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull to 169 additional questions, mostly about reputed agreements with Britain for parallel action before the Japanese attack. Hull denied knowledge of any such agreements.

Also included in the record before it was closed to further evidence, was a copy of the memoirs of Prince Konoye, Japanese Premier whose Cabinet fell in October 1941. By the Konoye account, he pressed the peace negotiations with the United States in good faith. Konoye quoted Foreign Minister Matsuo, however, as expressing the conviction in May 1941 that Roosevelt "was apparently determined to enter" the European war.

Chairman Barkley, Kentucky Democrat, called the Committee together to receive these documents formally and act on the suggestion of the request for an additional 30 days to complete its report. The current deadline has been set by Congress for June 1 for the investigation which began last November 15.

The Five Freedoms Not Popular

Montreal, May 24.
The proposal for a general exchange of aviation's "five freedoms" was made public at the first assembly of the Provisional International Air Transport Organization (Picao) yesterday amid indications that strong opposition to an early adoption would be encountered.

The plan, known officially as a "multilateral agreement on commercial rights in civil air transport," was prepared by a special committee which began work last fall. The Committee, headed by Sir Frederick Bowhill, was charged with finding answers to problems not settled at the Chicago world air meeting in 1944.

The Committee proposed the establishment of a body to be known as the International Civil Air Transport Board which would interpret and administer the proposed agreement and be empowered to order corrective action by a State in settlement of disputes.

Unofficial reports are that the United States is not eager to have the multilateral plan accepted at this meeting, preferring to wait until world conditions have become more stabilized.—Associated Press.

General 'Slim's' Three Rules

London, May 24.
Secrets behind the grey walls of the Imperial Defence College in Belgrave Square, London, were disclosed by General Sir William Slim, who commanded the 14th Army in Burma and is now the Commandant of the College, where Combined Operations in its widest forms are taught.

In the College, where "brass hats" wear civilian clothes, General Slim has only three rules. They are: "No women, no uniform and no age limit" for those taking a twelve-months course.

General Slim's students comprise high-ranking officers of the three services and civil servants from all parts of the Empire, who are lectured five times a week by Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors and leading scientists.

Giral Says Whole Of Spain Under Arms

New York, May 24.
Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish republic Government in exile, declared today that the Franco regime has told every Spaniard he could arm himself to defend Spain against attack by Russia.

He told a United Nations sub-committee investigating Spain that two months ago the Franco regime decreed every citizen could arm himself to defend the fatherland against an attack by Russia.

Britain Reduces Food Claims

London, May 24.
Canada and the United States have guaranteed "substantial" shipments of wheat to Germany and exports to India, "at a very much higher rate than in any previous year," Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, told the House of Commons yesterday.

He refused to disclose any specific figures, however, saying that "it might be embarrassing to our interests."

Britain's only sacrifice, he explained in his report on food consultations in Washington and Ottawa, was to reduce by 200,000 tons its claim for future supplies which have not been "acquired or earmarked" for Britain.

REPORT ON FASCISM
Bern, May 24. Italy, unlike Germany, never planned to attack Switzerland, the Swiss Cabinet stated today in a report on Fascist activities in Europe since 1933.

THE WEATHER
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HOUSING CHIEF

The appointment of Wing-Commander S.E. Faber as Hong Kong's director of building, rehabilitation, or what the Housing Committee, of which he was a member, termed Minister of Reconstruction, commends itself as a promising choice. Finally, of course, the test must be in the achievement, but this much can be said, that Wing-Commander Faber commences his duties with a number of factors in his favour, among them the fact that he is not a graduate of the Civil Service system, and fulfils what must be regarded as an essential requirement—he is not likely to prove a willing slave to red tape. The task to be faced is one of heavy responsibility, and unless it is vested with freedom for the play of energy and initiative, if it is to be tied up with masses of forms and mountains of files, the holder of the office is foredoomed to more public criticism than thanks. In this day, and age, to be quite frank, this may be the ultimate result in any case. The problem is one of such urgency that patience will not readily be forthcoming. Nor is it likely to be freely understood that the Director of Building Rehabilitation is in no position of dictatorship, but the interpreter rather than the initiator of high policy. Nevertheless, Wing-Commander Faber may be assured that he commences upon his stewardship with substantial goodwill. It will, we think, be realised that initial progress must be slow, and that the most important function of the Housing Minister in the next six months will be the laying of the foundations for a housing programme which will develop with accelerating speed in the succeeding period. This, in its turn, will finally depend upon the Colony's ability to acquire the necessary building materials in sufficient quantities, linked with the extent of Government action to encourage private owners to cooperate. In the end, the progress of re-development may prove to centre upon this question of subsidy, and it is possible to foresee that Government may be compelled to enter more extensively than it now plans into a field which it views as more properly the province of private enterprise. Upon the subsidy question there are wide differences of opinion. Few view with any marked sympathy the suggestion that the cost of reconstruction of private property should be borne by the community as a whole, and there would certainly be greater support for a scheme which would enable Government to retain control of letting, even if this involved large-scale leasing of damaged property and repair by Government. The choice between various ways of meeting the problem is however exceedingly wide, and it rests with Government to decide what expediency genuinely dictates. The main cry is for results, the method to be regarded, relatively as a secondary consideration.

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There is nearly always a reason for being fairly cheerful if one can find it.

Even days on which the newspapers are full of stories of nations unable to agree, about convicts armed with tommy-guns rioting in gaol, about the prevalence of juvenile crime in London, about the collapse of the favourite in the first great flat race of the year, about cuts in the supplies of cakes and biscuits, and indeed, about all sorts of things that must depress the spirits of ordinary decent citizens, there is usually an item of news—often only taking up a short paragraph—that makes the future seem not so cloudy after all.

I felt this sudden brightening of the spirits when I read the other day that penicillin, though apparently only in mild doses, will now be on sale in the chemists' shops. I have always been on the look-out for some elixir that will enable me to break all the rules of health without suffering any ill consequences, and this may be it.

Rumours of the wonders wrought by a new drug—and the wonders wrought by medicine in recent times have been almost beyond belief—always renew my hope that the magic bottle I am in search of has been discovered at last. Eat what you like, smoke what you like, take as little exercise as you like—to be able to do this with the assistance of a small bottle containing a benevolent genie is all I ask of medical science.

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Voice That Hushed The Tories

By MICHAEL FOOT

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Will penicillin enable me to do this? At the back of my mind there is a lurking suspicion that it won't. Still, the news that it would soon be on the market revived an ancient dream and, if I am disappointed a month or two hence, it will not be for the first time.

Even the bad news in the papers, however, can sometimes give a cheerful turn to one's thoughts. Thus, to read of the shortage of cakes and biscuits sets the memory busy among all the cakes and biscuits of the last century—cream snowballs and jammy crescents, animal biscuits and biscuits shaped like the letters of the alphabet, Garibaldi biscuits and macaroons.

"Sorrow's crown of sorrow," according to the poet, "is remembering happier things"; but I do not think this is always true. It is not true of cakes and biscuits.

To stand in a grocer's shop and to read the names on tin after tin of biscuits and enjoy all the pleasures of greed as one reads such a childhood experience remains a happiness in the memory for a life-time. And one's first sight of animal biscuits as a bed-time bite when staying with one's grandfather in the country—one can no more be depressed by the memory of it than by the memory of one's first sight of oranges growing on a tree.

The future, no doubt, will be better than the past, but the past has its own pleasant places that are well worth looking back on. And even the present has a fairly cheerful look, now that it is in full blossom. The scent and the delicate blue of

the wistaria trails bring good news into the world if only for an hour.

I have been unable to go into the country so far this year; but the next best thing to being in the country is to be in town and think what the country must be looking like. One can see the apple-blossom in one's mind's eye—that very useful organ by means of which snowy mountain tops in summer, the blue of the Mediterranean Sea, and the colours of rare birds all become visible.

The prospect of getting penicillin has, perhaps, made me look unduly on the bright side of things. I have no doubt that many of my fellow-medicine-swallowers have also become temporary optimists for the same reason.

BY THE WAY

There was another case recently of an audience at a concert applauding a piece of music before it was finished.

Up to the moment when such an incident occurs nobody knows who is musical and who isn't. Many people move their lips, sway their heads, or gaze ecstatically into space. This may be genuine emotion or mere showing-off. But when once a number of people have applauded in the wrong place they are stamped as Goths, and the experts can safely frown at them, or smile in a sneering

By BEACHCOMBER

manner. A courageous man can have great fun by leading applause in the wrong place.

The Accompanist

What I love about concerts is the relationship between the lady singer and the accompanist. She swings on like the dawn coming up like thunder over China across the bay. He sneaks out of a hole like a half-starved mouse. She beams at the audience. He lurks shrinkingly at his piano. Then she assumes a position in which her broad shoulders hide him from most of the audience. If there is an encore (and there has to be, or she'll walk out) she nods superciliously to the poor little cat. Then, when it is all over and she is bowing and grinning and receiving flowers, and blowing kisses, the voice of a manager, promoter, or what-not, hovers from the wings. "Don't forget Jenkinson, or whatever his name is." "Who?" she hisses back. "The accompanist, damn it!" So she moves her body a bit, and signals to him to rise and bow, as one might signal to a tame whitebat to come for a crumb.

Why Not Be Healthy?

Exercise II: Stretch out both arms behind you, palms sideways. Bend the head until it is between the knees. Pull the mouth wide in a silly grin. Jerk the left knee against the nose and the right knee against the chin, swivelling the head round and round to loosen the neck muscles, and forming the mouth into an O. Then sit down slowly, flogging the body like a catman on a cold day, and place the right foot over the left. Roll on to your face, with both arms locked under your chin, while knocking your head against the tops of your knees.

Not In The History Books

I read that "St. George is known in Egypt as El Khidr." This is, of course, the origin of the American phrase "No Khidr-ing." When the Americans landed at Alexandria in the seventeenth century they were shown the bones of the dragon killed by St. George. A scientist established that they were the bones of a hippopotamus, and so St. George was called the Khidr, which the Egyptians corrupted into El Khidr.

AMERICAN TAX PLAN FOR JAPAN

(By Tom Lambert.)

Tokyo, May 23.
Allied and Japanese sources confirm that the new American-drafted tax proposal had been submitted to Allied Headquarters for consideration before its issue to the Japanese Government as a directive—a proposal which will wipe out all but the smallest of war indemnity payments and hit heavily at accumulated war profits.

Sources who asked not to be named said General MacArthur had seen and approved in spirit the tax plan, drafted by the American economist and tax experts, Leo Cherne.

If Allied Headquarters endorses the plan, a directive will probably be issued to the Japanese for adoption into law at the next Diet session.

U.S. PILOTS SHOT DOWN?

Shanghai, May 23.
Reports by the Tass News Agency that American pilots planes had been shot down over Manchuria were termed "very questionable" by Lt. General Alvan Gillem in Shanghai today. General Gillem, who commands the U. S. forces in China, said that he had absolutely no information regarding the Tass report.

Not Worth It

Scarcely an hour had passed before they must have been cursing their folly. For Anwarin Bevan spent most of his time describing in the most beguiling accents all the formidable prospects of reform which the poor Tories were committed to voting against. After Anwarin Bevan was almost finished

VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

Accuses Stalin Of Lenin's Death

Vatican Says Don't Vote Left

Vatican City, May 24. An Episcopal letter of the Central Italian Department of Bishops in the "L'Osservatore Romano" has told Catholics that voting for Marxist "Laicist" parties in Italy's June 2 elections exposes them to "sanctions of the Canon Law."

A Catholic authority said the word "laicist" in Italian means an anti-clerical party which advocated complete separation of the Church and State to the extent that the Church would not have any influence even on moral questions.

Simultaneously, the Bishops of Calabria in southern Italy told their communicants there was "irreconcilable opposition between Christianity and Marxism." They instructed their members to vote only for candidates undertaking to respect and defend all those principles which are the basis of a healthy Christian concept of the State.

Britain In Greece Till Reds Leave

London, May 24. British troops are expected to stay in Greece so long as Russian troops remain in the Balkan States, said the Greek Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Philip Dragoumis, in London yesterday.

Dragoumis told a press conference that there are about 200,000 Soviet troops in Bulgaria "facing southward" and 800,000 to 1,000,000 in Rumania. There are, in addition, about 150,000 Bulgarian troops on the Graeco-Bulgarian border, he added.

COMMONS DEBATE ON EGYPT

London, May 24. Reuters political correspondent states that Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden will be the principal Conservative Opposition spokesmen in the House of Commons debate today on Egypt. Conservatives are urging that Mr. Ernest Bevin should open the debate by giving a resume of the negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty so far as they have gone, but Mr. Bevin, it is understood, has expressed his intention of speaking last, presumably so as to deal with the points made during the debate.—Reuters.

YUGOSLAVS SEIZE ITALIAN CRAFT

Rome, May 24. The Italian Government has asked the United States and Britain to investigate through their Embassies at Belgrade reports that Italian fishing boats are being seized by armed Yugoslav forces in the Adriatic and their crews interned.

CHETNIK TRIAL

Belgrade, May 24. Owing to new developments in the evidence against General Draza Mihailovich, the Yugoslav military court has not decided on the date of the trial, but it is presumed that it will be held in the middle of June.

An indictment of 6,000 pages—described the Chetniks' alleged war crimes.—Reuters.

The statue of Queen Victoria at Nico, removed by the Germans during the war, is to be restored with appropriate ceremony today Queen Victoria's birthday, now celebrated as Empire Day.

The Hague, May 24. Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands returned to the Royal Palace by air from Switzerland this evening. The plane was piloted by Prince Bernhard.—Reuters.

Trotsky's Book Just Published

NEW YORK, MAY 24. LEON TROTSKY, IN A BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEF STALIN PUBLISHED TODAY, POSED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS WHETHER STALIN MIGHT HAVE HAD A HAND IN THE DEATH OF NICOLAI LENIN, HONOURED IN RUSSIA AS THE FOUNDER OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE BOOK ASKED THESE QUESTIONS, AND DID NOT OFFER OR SUPPLY A DIRECT ANSWER:

"What was Stalin's role at the time of Lenin's illness? Did not the disciple do something to expedite his master's death?" It is a monstrous suspicion, Trotsky says, "but that cannot be helped, when it follows from the circumstances, the facts and Stalin's very character."

The book, "Stalin, an Appraisal of the Man and His Influence," (Harper Brothers) is published six years after Trotsky, Stalin's bitter political foe, was assassinated in exile in Mexico City. Trotsky had completed about two-thirds of the book at the time of his death, but left an outline, copious notes, and memoranda and partly-written pages from which the editor and translator, Charles Malamuth, completed the lengthy work. The chapter relating to Lenin's death is included in this latter section. The book's existence has long been known; it was read for publication at the time of Pearl Harbor, a publisher's note says, "but its appearance was then postponed by the publisher until after the end of the war."

Lenin Worried. Trotsky says that when Lenin was bedridden after a stroke in December, 1922, he was "afraid with alarm," and that his "chief source of worry was Stalin," then Secretary-General of the Communist Party. Lenin proposed that a way be found to remove Stalin from his position because he had concentrated great power in his hands and Lenin wasn't sure that he would use it properly.

"In those days," Trotsky says, "Stalin was incensed, his fate was at stake. He had made up his mind to overcome all obstacles."

Towards the end of 1923, declares Trotsky, Stalin told him and others that the sick Lenin had suddenly called him in and asked for poison. Lenin saw another stroke approaching, he was suffering and he wanted the poison at hand if he became convinced his case was hopeless.

Poison Sent Lenin? Trotsky continues with an intricate array of suspicions, suggestions and charges until his climax:

"Whether Stalin sent the poison to Lenin with the hint that the physician had left no hope for his recovery or whether he resorted to more direct means I do not know. But I am firmly convinced that Stalin could not have waited passively when his task hung by a thread and the decision depended on a small, very small motion of his hand."

The book, from the opening paragraph, is a violent attack which has to be accepted or rejected on its face value, for it is almost impossible to check the allegations. Yet, there is much of historical importance on the story of the background for the Stalin biography and for what in its essence was a Stalin-Trotsky battle for leadership.

Trotsky didn't live to see Stalin's leadership of Russia in the World War II. Whether he would have altered his appraisal in any way must remain a matter of speculation.

"Impersonal Machine" Trotsky writes in his introduction that Stalin "is neither a thinker, a writer nor an orator," and that he "took possession of power, not with the aid of personal qualities, but with the aid of an impersonal machine."

He tells of Stalin's birth as the son of a shoemaker in Georgia and speculates on whether the Soviet chief "was Mongolian blood in his veins." He cited details, largely by quoting others, to show that the boy Stalin became heartless and grim through frightful beatings by his father, and sensed the humiliation of social inequality, and finally, while a student in theological school, "deserted religion and God. At the age of 15 he got revolutionary ideas."

Purpose In Life In summing up the Stalin of the order of professional revolutionists, Trotsky says: "He saw the purpose of his life overthrewing the powers that be. Hatred of them was in-

measurably more active in his soul than love for the oppressed. Prison, exile, sacrifices, privations did not frighten him. He knew how to look danger straight in the eye. At the same time, he was keenly sensitive about such of his traits as his slowness of intellect, lack of talent, the general colourlessness of his physical and moral countenance. His overweening ambition was tinged with envy and ill-will. His pertinacity marched hand-in-hand with vindictiveness."

"Stalin," Trotsky also observes, "has always been what he remains today—a politician of the golden mean who does not hesitate to resort to the most extreme measures. Strategically he is an opportunist; tactically he is a revolutionist. He is a kind of a revolutionist with a bomb."

Trotsky devoted much space, sometimes labouring small points, to try to show that Stalin in the early days wasn't figure of importance. The future Generalissimo's "imprisonments weren't onerous, his exiles weren't hard. In short, the Czarist authorities didn't regard Josef Djughashvili (Stalin) as a very dangerous character."

Trotsky's biography hammers on the idea that Lenin didn't regard Stalin highly and that "there was nothing even remotely resembling personal intimacy" between the two. At the same time Trotsky quietly keeps emphasising his own importance and his closeness to Lenin.—Associated Press.

Rhineland Separatism

Herford, Germany, May 24. A separatist "Rhineland people's party" which demands the formation of a new state "with alliances and friendly relations with the Western allies," is being formed in the north Rhine province, British political intelligence disclosed yesterday.

"We have established that the party has genuine support, and it will be set up in every district where it can show such support," a senior intelligence officer stated.

He added, however, that the British authorities emphatically did not favour the establishment of a sovereign Rhine-Ruhr state.—Associated Press.

"LISBON MARU" P.O.W.s. SEND CHEQUE

London, May 23. The British United Aid to China Fund has received this week a cheque from ex-survivors of the "Lisbon Maru" who have made the donation in tribute to the Chinese who rescued and helped them when they were torpedoed in the China Sea on Oct. 2, 1942.

More than 1,800 British prisoners of war were on board the vessel at the time. Of these, more than 960 were lost. The organizer of this contribution in a covering letter, describes the debt which those who lived through the tragedy feel towards the people who saved them. He writes:

Tells Of Rescue "When the ship sank we all found ourselves in the water about six miles from a small group of islands. Those of us who got to the islands were met with very strong off-shore currents which made landing very difficult."

"Local Chinese came out in their sampans and picked up many men taking them to the shore. They did this in spite of the risk that the Japanese might take in reprisals on them for helping us. Once on shore, they got to work to clothe us—many of us had little or no clothing left—to feed us out of their very slender stock, and house us in their own homes. Their hospitality was almost unbelievable."

This cheque is sent as a small donation to the British United Aid to China Fund by 600 odd remaining survivors of the "Lisbon Maru" who are eager to repay in some small way the help and kindness extended to them by Chinese who undoubtedly saved their lives. The Fund reached a total of £1,753,323 this week.

London, May 24. The British news service in Germany reports that Edmund Huber, former head of the "Gauleitung" for Lower Austria and a close collaborator of Gauleiter Jurek, has been arrested.—Reuters.

NOT TRUE

Paris, May 24. The weekly newspaper "Samedi Soir" said in an editorial that President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin may meet in Vienna about June 10 to sign a 25-year treaty of friendship and non-aggression between Russia and the United States.

In Washington the White House said that there was no truth in the report.—Associated Press.

Fighting In Sumatra

Batavia, May 24. Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, is to leave for Singapore tomorrow for discussions with Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, whom he has not seen since last December, it was reported today.

Republican papers in Sumatra, quoted by the Netherlands News Agency, reported fighting in the Tapanuli residency on the west coast of Sumatra, when Republicans from the east coast of the island attempted to overthrow the local authorities.

The Republican Government intervened to stop the fighting, the News Agency added.

Fifty extremists, carrying small arms and bottles filled with petrol attacked a camp at Gloepoor, on the east coast of Sumatra, the Netherlands East Indies Army Information Service stated.

They set the barracks on fire but the fire was later extinguished. Many extremists were wounded in this engagement, the report added.—Reuters.

Old-Fashioned Methods

London, May 22. "I hope we shall not be stampeded by a wave of publicity suggesting that, because the juvenile delinquency figures have risen, we shall be more severe," said Mrs. M. Robinson, chairman of Stamford House Juvenile Court, at the Magistrates' Association conference at Trowbridge, Worce.

"I think that such a method of treatment is dangerous," she added. "People who talk like that have forgotten that the old-fashioned methods, which were tried for many years, were not abandoned for sentimental reasons."

One of the greatest problems for magistrates was how to sort out juvenile delinquents. It might be possible under the new Education Act for many difficult children to be dealt with as educational problems. Capt. Ransley, of the Borstal Institution at Portland, said youths should not be imprisoned for offences before a period of Borstal had been tried.

HE WAS RIGHT

Jerusalem, May 24. A number of explosions occurred in the Palestinian coastal town of Nathanya today after police had previously been informed by an unknown telephone caller that the explosions would occur.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

THE AMERICAN CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the American Club will be held in the Club premises on Monday, May 27th, at 6.30 p.m. for the purposes of electing officers for the current year and to receive the report from the Working Committee on the rehabilitation of the Club.

W. T. STANTON, Chairman.

F. R. PIDCOCK, Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 13th, 1946.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

From and including May 27th, 1946, our telephone numbers will be changed, as follows:—

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NOTICE

RICE FOR CREWS

From Monday, 27th May, 1946, rice will only be issued to articulated crews and to a reasonable number of the Compradore Staff. A list of names signed by the Captain must be submitted by the Company when applying for such rations. Sufficient rations will be given for the duration of the ship's stay in port, and to the first port of call.

R. C. LEE,

Rice Controller.

SALE OF OLD STORES.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following stores. Scrap Iron and Steel. Firewood. 45 Galls. and 25 Galls. Drums. Towing Wire, old Paper Rolls, and Scrap-Air Craft, over-land Tanks.

Tenders forms can be obtained at Section VI of Naval Store Department, H.M. Naval Yard, between 9.30—11.30 a.m. 23rd and 25th May, 1946 and should be returned in a sealed cover addressed to the Suptdg. Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard on or before noon on Friday 31st May, 1946.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

It is desired to draw the attention of the General Public, and more especially those whose supply of electricity is at present being maintained, to the very serious situation which has been brought about by the acts of unscrupulous wiring contractors and other persons possessing a slight knowledge of electricity.

These men are going round offering to connect a supply of electricity to those premises which have had to be shut off. As this supply has to be taken from the wiring of those consumers whose supply is being maintained, the Company is forced to give warning to all such consumers not to allow their wiring or installations to be used for such a purpose.

In all cases such consumers will be disconnected and the offenders punished by law.

Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Agents, Hong Kong, 24th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1946, at 12 o'clock to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1945 and 31st December, 1945 to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$500.00 to \$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

NOTICE

Mr. S. Grove, A.C.A. has been appointed Secretary of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., as from 22nd May, 1946.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY, BRITISH SECTION

JOINT RAILWAYS TENDER BOARD

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in TRIPPLICATE which should be clearly marked "Tender for Erection of Railway Wagons" will be received at the offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, British Section, until noon of Friday, 7th June, 1946.

The wagons which will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom consist of the following types:—

- 165—40-ton box cars
- 9—20-ton flat wagons
- 134—40-ton high gondolas
- 22—20-ton high gondolas
- 2—40-ton flat wagons

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshop, Hung Hom on the deposit of a fee of \$1,000.00 with the Accountant of the Railway at the Head Offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of \$10,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR,

Chairman, Railway Tender Board.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1946.

"Slap Happy" Defence Opens Today

INTERPRETER NOT GUILTY

Tang Shiu-ki, a former interpreter of the No. 7 Police Station, was found not guilty and acquitted by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday of accepting a bribe of \$500.

Accused was alleged by the Crown to have accepted \$500 from Wong Le-kat on or about Nov. 13, 1945, when he was then an interpreter attached to the No. 7 Police Station.

The jury, composed of Messrs. A. H. R. Butcher (Foreman), Chan Wai-chung, Shy Yau-ming, R. A. Xavier, J. W. Clague, M. Y. Adal and J. H. E. Collins, returned an unanimous verdict of not guilty after a five-minute adjournment.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Capt. H. Brown, prosecuted and Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence.

Tang completely denied that he had ever met and received \$500 from Wong.

Addressing the Court and the jury, Mr. Silva contended that his client had told a very simple and true story that he had never accepted any money from Wong nor he had ever met Wong and Shuen Hi at the Tin Fat Restaurant.

The prosecution, however, failed to submit definite evidence that Tang was at the Tin Fat Restaurant on the material date of Nov. 13 or 14, 1945. Both principal witnesses for the Crown, Wong and Shuen Hi, in respect of evidence, contradicted themselves half a dozen times on points extremely material for the prosecution.

NEW RULER OF TRANSJORDAN

Amman, May 24.

The Emir Abdullah bin Husayn, 64-year-old son of the King of Hejaz, will be proclaimed the first sovereign of the newly constituted independent kingdom of Transjordan tomorrow at a ceremony in which austerity will be the keynote because of the "situation in Palestine."

Fifteen hundred guests are expected at the dusty mountain-side capital which is already glittering with Princes, potentates and Arab millionaires, though by the Emir's order "no official invitations have been issued."

The Emir, forbidden by Moslem tradition to wear a crown, will be presented instead with a special copy of the Koran, Reuter.

Money Mart

Gold weakened further yesterday. After opening at \$510 per tael, 15 points lower than the previous day's close, it slid down to \$498; towards the close it rallied to \$504.

Chinese national currency was again motionless and rates closed at \$2.21 for futures and \$2.40 for spot (per CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars appreciated slightly to \$5.43. Sterling and Australian pounds were again at \$18 and \$14 respectively.

Shanghai Exchange

The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market yesterday were:

	Buying	Selling
Gold per ounce	185,000	186,000
U.S. Dollars	2,340	2,350
Hong Kong Dollars	410	425

Closing quotations were:

	Buying	Selling
Gold per ounce	185,500	186,500
U.S. Dollars	2,340	2,350
Hong Kong Dollars	410	420

Unofficial market.
—Associated Press.

ARMS POSSESSION CHARGE

On a charge of possession of an automatic pistol and 10 rounds without a licence or permit, Wong Chi-ming, 25, was committed by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Insp. Farquhar, in charge of the C.I.D., Yaumatei, gave evidence that accused was arrested by a police party following information received at the junction of Kansu Street and Battery Street at 11.30 a.m. on May 16.

It is alleged that the pistol, a .22 automatic, was found inside his inner trousers. The pistol, evidence was given, was loaded with six rounds.

Three other men, arrested at the same time, were discharged by the magistrate on an application of withdrawal against them of a charge of aiding and abetting and conspiracy to commit a felony.

AT YESTERDAY MORNING'S HEARING OF THE CASE AGAINST INOUE KANAO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "SLAP HAPPY," "YANKEE" AND THE "KAM-LOOPS KID," FOR COMMITTING WAR CRIMES IN SHAMSHUIPO POW CAMP AND ILL-TREATMENT OF HONG KONG CIVILIANS DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, REHMAT KHAN, PRISON WARDER AT STANLEY, RE-ENTERED THE WITNESS BOX AND PRODUCED A CERTIFIED COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM THE PRISON ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE RECORD BOOK.

QUESTIONED BY LIEUT. HAGGAN FOR THE DEFENCE, REHMAT KHAN STATED THAT THE ENTRIES IN THE BOOK WERE COMPILED FROM FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, BUT THAT THE BOOK ITSELF, WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL RECORD.

Changchun Fall Means Peace Talks Can Begin

Nanking, May 24.

A high Kuomintang official who asked for anonymity said today that the Government's recapture of Changchun means "now we can begin to talk with the Communists" for peace in Manchuria. His statement highlighted other swift developments that brought the troubled Manchurian situation to a climax.

These included:

(1) The surprise flight of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to Mukden, possibly on a peace mission; (2) The hurried visit of Chi Yen-ming, Secretary-General of the Nanking Chinese Communists Headquarters to Shanghai to confer with members of the Democratic League and Youth Party about the League's three-point proposal to end the Manchurian civil war; (3) Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung's acceptance "in principle" of the League's proposal.

The Communist retreat beyond Changchun apart from offering more than a token resistance may satisfy the Government's demands that the city be returned before it will consider armistice in Manchuria.

The flight by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek with Madame Chiang and General Pai Chung-shi, Minister of National Defence, to Mukden, was made in General George C. Marshall's personal plane.

Chiang conferred with General Hsueh Hai-bu, director of the Government Manchurian Headquarters; General Tu Li-ming, Commander-in-Chief of the Manchurian armies; and Hsu Chen, Governor of Liaoning.

Although Central News said the Generalissimo had gone to Manchuria on an inspection tour it is possible that his flight is a prelude to peace.

Government dispatches from Mukden also reported that the New First Army captured Tungfeng, 70 miles east of Szeepingkai, and Liaoyuan, 45 miles northwest of Szeepingkai. They said that famine threatens Szeepingkai as the food stocks are only sufficient for 20 days. The city has 110,000 inhabitants including 20,000 Japanese.

A Communist spokesman said regarding the whole Manchurian situation that "we shall do our best to solve the problem and then we shall do our best to carry out peace."

Whether the Government forces will continue to push beyond Changchun now that the condition for peace talks has been realized may well decide the future course of history in northeast China.—Associated Press.

ATTEMPT TO EXPORT FLOUR

Charged with attempting to export 200-lbs. of flour from the Colony without a permit, Li Wah, master of junk T1255H, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Sub-insp. J. White stated that four 50-lb. bags of flour were found aboard defendant's junk at the Southern Fairway, Victoria Harbour. The junk was about to leave for a trip of 2 1/2 days and there were five men aboard.

Three women, Li Pige, Yuen Fong and Chan Mui were fined \$25 for attempting to export rice and flour. They were arrested at the K.C.R. Station, Kowloon, at 7.45 a.m. on May 23. The three charges involved a total of four piculs of rice and four of flour. An order for confiscation was issued in respect of the cereals seized.

The "booty" obtained by 10 men who held up a Chinese at Waterloo Road near the Railway Bridge, was not much for the effort—only \$12. The men were armed with revolvers and torches.

The last witness to be called by the prosecution was Dr. J. W. Anderson, who was in Hong Kong as a Prisoner-of-War during the Japanese occupation.

Dr. Anderson testified regarding the effects of the water torture, hanging by the arms torture, "flying aeroplane" torture, burning with lighted cigarette ends and beri beri.

In the course of his evidence, Dr. Anderson gave his opinion that the effects of "hanging by the arms" were more serious than "flying the aeroplane." Dr. Anderson also gave it as his opinion that the effects resulting from the different forms of torture depended on the state of mind and condition of the victim.

Defence Not Ready

With the conclusion of Dr. Anderson's evidence, Major Puddicombe intimated the closure of the case for the prosecution.

As Lieut. Haggan stated that he was not ready at the moment to open his defence, the Court adjourned till 10 a.m. this morning.

President of the Court is Lieut. Col. J. C. Stewart (Dept. of the J.A.G. in India). Members of the Court are Major M. I. Ormsby (The West Yorkshire Regiment) (P.O.W.) and Capt. B. N. Kaul (The Frontier Force Regiment). Major G. B. Puddicombe (Victoria Rifles of Canada) is the Prosecuting Officer and Lieut. J. R. Haggan (Royal Engineers) is the Defence Officer.

U.S. CREDIT FOR FRANCE

Washington, May 24.

M. Leon Blum, special French envoy on an economic mission here, said in an interview that he expects to sign a French-American financial and commercial agreement before he leaves for Paris on Sunday.

He made this statement after a farewell call on the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes.

It is understood authoritatively that cash credit of \$650,000,000 from the Export-Import Bank will be forthcoming, plus additional credits of \$350,000,000 covering the cost of surplus property and shipping to be transferred to French ownership.

The agreement will also include settlement of France's Lend-Lease account.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CONSIDERED ATTACK ON JAPAN

(Continued from Page 1)

Last March, the Committee received a 20,000-word statement from Stimson covering his recollections of events preceding the Pearl Harbour attack. In it Stimson said the President's War Cabinet had reached a conclusion, ten days before the Japanese attack, that the United States should intervene with force if Japan moved against Britain or Dutch territory in south Asia. The so-called War Cabinet consisted of Hull, Stimson, Colonel Knox, General Marshall and Admiral Stark.—Associated Press.

The Kent Case

Washington, May 24.

The Pearl Harbour investigation committee today rejected a demand by Senator Owen Brewster (Republican, Maine) that it look into State Department files which he contended might contain information on 1,200 to 1,500 pre-war messages exchanged by former President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

The committee then closed the voluminous record it began compiling on the attack which threw America into the war against Japan.

Brewster had demanded that the committee counsel be permitted to examine State Department files on the case of Tyler Kent, London Embassy clerk who was imprisoned.

He said he had reason to believe these documents included Roosevelt-Churchill messages which he said might have a bearing on America becoming involved in the war.—Associated Press.

Governor Inspects H.K. Relief Centres

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, spent yesterday afternoon visiting and inspecting the Colony's various relief centres and depots.

He was accompanied by the Acting Director of Medical Services (Dr. J. P. Fahilly), Mr. W. Kay (Officer in charge of Relief Section) and Lt./Col. W. Darby, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army.

The Governor first visited the Tai Hang Relief Centre, and from there went on to the Street Sleepers' Shelter in Wanchai, the Free Rice Shelter, the City Hall Relief Clothing Depot, Chater Road Food Depot and finally to the To Yuen Hostel for displaced persons in West Point.

ADMIRAL'S GIFT TO JAIPURS

The officers and men of the Jaipur Guards were honoured on Thursday when Admiral Lord Fraser, C.B.E., British Pacific Fleet paid a visit to the barracks at Lyceum.

After the parade Lord Fraser congratulated the officers and men on the fine turn out, their excellent behaviour and discipline wherever they went.

Lord Fraser later presented the Officer commanding with a 650-year-old Japanese sword which he had brought from Tokyo, following his recent visit there as a token of appreciation and admiration for the good work the Jaipur Guards had done especially in Hong Kong.

Lord Fraser was shown round the barracks and visited the V.C. Officers and Officers' Mess where he had drinks with the officers.

INOCULATION CERTIFICATES

Beginning from June 1, a charge of 50 cents will be made for certificates of inoculation against cholera and 50 cents for certificates of vaccination against small-pox.

The certificates may be obtained at the inoculation centre, Fire Brigade Building, Connaught Road and at the Tsim Tsa Tsui Health Centre, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The public are advised to obtain these certificates during ordinary working hours at the above centres as they cannot be issued when the Treasury is closed.

Arrangements have been made whereby shipping companies may purchase books of 50 and 100 for issue to passengers so as to cover holiday periods. These may be taken to the inoculation centres where they will be filled in after the necessary inoculations have been carried out.

Sir Chan Chak Here On Visit

When the Fatshan arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Canton the river steamer was met off Stonecutters by the Governor's barge, and Admiral Sir Chan Chak, accompanied by Commander P. H. Wong left the Fatshan and was greeted by General Tsz Sim-Wong and the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall.

Sir Chan Chak is in Hong Kong on a three-day private visit. He will stay at Government House until Sunday evening when he will transfer to the Gloucester Hotel and leave for Macao on Monday afternoon.

In addition to General Tsz and the Hon. Mr. MacDougall, the party aboard the Governor's barge included His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp, (Lieut. T. Parkinson).

The barge returned with the visitors to Queen's Pier and then proceeded to Government House.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Y. M. Lim, Director of Public Works, Canton, Mr. C. Y. Huang, Director of the Land Administrative Bureau, Mr. M. C. Yu, Secretary, and Mr. L. K. Sum, Secretary, left the Fatshan at the wharf.

Sir Chan Chak, General S. T. Wong and Commander P. H. Wong spent last night at Government House.

This morning, Sir Chan Chak will call on the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall and later will call on Air Commodore Brook and Commodore Everett. Sir Chan Chak will lunch today with Commodore Everett. Sir Chan Chak's official party will spend the night at Government House.

On Sunday, the distinguished visitor will visit Aberdeen with the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, and in the evening, Sir Chan Chak, with General Wong and Commander Wong will leave Government House for the Gloucester Hotel.

At 2 p.m. on Monday, Sir Chan Chak and his party are due to leave Queen's Pier for Macao in an R.A.F. launch.

An 18-year-old boy, Tsui Ming, was bound over by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Central Magistracy yesterday for stealing two shirts from the Queen Mary Hospital on May 22.

Readers' Letters

Examination

Sir, On the subject of examinations, I see that a new scheme has been announced in England under which any English boy or girl clever enough to win a University scholarship will, in future, not be deprived of a chance of higher education for financial reasons. State scholarships will provide for the payment of a maintenance grant up to £100 annually in addition to tuition fees.

That is a step in the right direction. Too many young men and women have in the past not had the chance they deserved because they lacked the funds needed to pursue their studies in a university.

It is greatly to be hoped that before long improved facilities will be provided for the education of local-born students. Several local lads might have achieved distinction in different fields and many others become useful professional men and done good service for their fellowmen in Hong Kong had opportunities been afforded them for higher learning.

During the war we, the colonials, were promised by the Home Government all sorts of benefits in the years ahead. We sincerely trust that those promises will be fulfilled.

I realise that money is needed to carry out improvements such as the one referred to in this letter, not to mention other badly needed reforms. How should the \$5 be raised? I suggest an income tax. There are too many rich men here who have done nothing to speak of for the city in which they have amassed their wealth. The pocket-books of the wealthy in England are being slimmed by taxation. Let the same thing be done in the Colonies, I say.

LITTLE MAN.

Profiteers

Sir,—Every now and then one reads of some would-be profiteer being sentenced to so many months' imprisonment for evading price control regulations or the other laws Government has implemented in an attempt to get Hong Kong back to normal. Occasionally, a letter appears in your columns, grumbling because prices are still so high. There the matter seems to end and, from what I have been able to observe, most of these racketeers are quite prepared to risk a few months' imprisonment in view of the large profits they can make.

It is to be hoped that every it will be given to the B.O.R. in this fine bit of work that they are doing. "SHIFY."

WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION?

The solemn atmosphere of the Central Magistracy was shattered yesterday by the honking of a goose—exhibit in a case of larceny. On the orders of the magistrate, Mr. C. Y. Kwan, the bird, protesting violently, was removed from court.

The goose, it was stated, was stolen by accused, an unemployed Chinese, from vacant ground near Ewo Street. Accused said he had come to the Colony to find a job. He had had nothing to eat for several days and stole the goose to raise money for passage home. Two weeks hard labour was imposed.

C.S.I. Chan of Bay View Police Station prosecuted.

LORD FRASER

Admiral Lord Fraser, C-in-C British Pacific Fleet, left the Colony last evening on a farewell visit to Nanking where he will pay his respects to the Chinese Government.

He embarked in the destroyer H.M.S. Lagos and will arrive at Woosung on May 26 where he will transfer his flag to the cruiser H.M.S. Newfoundland. He is due in Nanking on May 28.

"BARTERED BRIDE"

Tomorrow evening (Sunday) a concert of recorded Symphony Music will be presented by A/B Hugh Miller at the Tse H. Service Club, St. Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The programme this week will include the following:—Bartered Bride Overture—Smetana. Trout Quintet—Schubert. Cello Concerto.—Dvorak.

DANCE TONIGHT

The usual Saturday night dance at the Lady Park Club will be held tonight at 7.30. The Club has obtained the services of the Marines Band, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. T. M. Grey D.S.O., M.C.

Transport will be provided, and will run to and from the Club and the Star Ferry at hourly intervals.

Suey Fong, 62, was again remanded until Monday by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he was charged with offering a bribe of \$200 to Mr. S. R. Franklin, Superintendent of Police, at Connaught Road.

A cloth dealer was robbed of 12 rolls of cloth valued at \$1,000 by two men armed with revolvers about 2 p.m. yesterday. The hawk was summoned by a woman to the first floor staircase landing of 30 Yick Yam Street, Happy Valley. The men, who were waiting there, robbed the hawk and took the cloth away.

Letters of administration have been granted to Li Shuk-ye, concubine of Chan Kit Hing, a retired merchant residing at No. 17 Caine Road, who died on Feb. 21, 1945. The estate was sworn at \$149,000.

Finance And Future Of H.K. University

Jet Engines For China

London, May 24. The Chinese Government have concluded an agreement with Rolls Royce, England, for the manufacture of the latter's gas turbine and jet propulsion engines in China.

This agreement which has the approval of the British Government, will involve the supply of thousands of drawings and designs to China with a large number of parts and even complete engines and plant for factories.

Chinese engineers are now at the company's Works at Derby, learning the new technique of this type of power unit. Rolls Royce engineers will go to China to supervise the erection, equipping and tooling up of factories which will be employed to build the new engines.—London Press Service.

EMPIRE DAY IN TOKYO

Tokyo, May 24. British Commonwealth troops stood stiffly to attention in the square fronting the grounds of Tokyo's Imperial Palace today while Lieutenant-General John Northcott, commander of the Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan, read an Empire Day message from the King, saying: "The British Commonwealth occupation force symbolizes unity."

"We have stood together in war and we shall stand together in peace. I am confident that in the delicate and arduous duties which confront you, you will continue to exercise those qualities of selflessness and courage which are your heritage."—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

SATURDAY, 25th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Formosa (Tak On) 10.00 a.m.
Taankong (Kwongchowwan) (San Shing Lee) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Mytlebank) 1.00 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Van Heutsz) 3.00 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Swatow (Hanyang) 5.00 p.m.
Canton (Fatsan) 5.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 26th MAY.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 27th MAY.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Hainphong (Mashate) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Fengtien) 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Marine Leopard) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton and Hoihow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 28th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Kwongchow Wan (Aug Fee) 10.00 a.m.

Australia via Sydney (Kaipaki) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Hanyang) 1.00 p.m.
Straits (Ninghai) 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America via Seattle (Longview Victory) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Wuchow (Kwongnai Province) (Nam Lung) 9.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Kwongchow Wan (Tolsan) 10.00 a.m.

Manila (Sea Lynx) 10.00 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via Seattle (Mount Greylock) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Canton (Fatsan) 4.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 30th MAY.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Glenapp) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai and Manila (King Hankon VII) 10.00 a.m.
Saigon and Harigok (Mongolia) 10.00 a.m.

Saigon (Hollkon) 1.00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THEIR FRIENDS AT THEIR LUNCHEON YESTERDAY LISTENED TO AN INTERESTING TALK BY MR. A. MORSE, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, ON "FINANCE AS AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY."

MR. MORSE WAS TREASURER OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FOR SOME YEARS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON IN 1940, AND HE ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT FINANCE HAD BEEN THE HEADACHE OF SUCCESSIVE UNIVERSITY TREASURERS. THE UNIVERSITY HAD ALWAYS BEEN STARVED FINANCIALLY EVEN FROM ITS INCEPTION, AND THROUGH THE YEARS IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN A STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

"We are now faced with a much bigger problem of reconstructing and rehabilitating the institution, and the main question crops up again. 'No money, no university.' Finance is the keynote of the whole situation, and the question is where and how to get the money."

Mr. Morse said that a strong committee composed of distinguished people and educationalists had been sitting in London since the war years working out plans for the University's future.

"It would surprise many to know the tremendous amount of interest taken by the people at home in the future of our University. They plan to rehabilitate it, not as a makeshift affair, but on the highest level, to be the equal of any university anywhere in the world. With this aim in view the committee has been unceasingly at work."

Mr. Morse was one of its members when he was in London, and another member was Mr. D. J. Sloss who has been indefatigable in his efforts for the institution he loved so much.

London Approach.
This committee realised that to seek financial aid from the Hong Kong Government, now with its hands more than full, would be useless, hence they have decided to approach the Home Government for the necessary funds.

"How far their efforts will succeed it is not possible to foretell, but we can depend on it that they are pressing home our needs."

"It now remains for us, here, and you members of this Association, to see what you can do, among yourselves and among your friends, to make some contribution to that most important need—finance, so as to give tangible evidence to the people at home of your interest in the institution's future and as an expression of your gratitude to your Alma Mater. The amount you can raise, or the form your contribution may take, is not important."

Important Gesture.
"The importance lies in the gesture thus made which may go a long way in pressing home the representations of the Committee in London, and, for all we know, may even lead to a larger sum being granted by the Home Government."

Mr. Morse concluded by saying that he was originally asked to talk on the finances of the Colony, but under present conditions he felt himself unequal to tackling the job and so he chose today's narrower subject and hoped his audience will not be disappointed.

The speaker was thanked by Dr. O. C. Leow, the Hon. Secretary, who occupied the chair in the absence through indisposition of the President, Capt. Raymond H. S. Lee.

Among the guests present were Mr. T. J. J. Fenwick, Mr. C. H. Sanson and Dr. Mary King.

Two French Cruisers Arrive In Port
By Our Naval Correspondent
Two arrivals in the harbour yesterday were the French cruisers "Suffren" and "Tourville," which are here on a short visit from Saigon. Both promptly dressed ship in honour of Empire Day and yesterday afternoon and evening the streets of Victoria had their usual busy crowds swelled by numbers of "matelots" with their familiar striped shirts and red pom-pommed caps.

Both vessels are typical of the modern French cruiser, lightly armoured, with a nice turn of speed and a useful punch-in their main armament. Both operated with the navy of the Fighting French during the war.

Slightly the older of the two, "Tourville" was laid down in 1918. A vessel of 10,000 tons (11,900 tons deep load) she is an enlarged version of the 7,880-ton "Lamotte Picquet," well known in Far Eastern waters, but has heavier armament and an improved form of hull. There were two vessels in her class, the other being "Duquesne," which also served with the Allies.

With the exception of thin gun-shields and a splinter-proof conning tower, "Tourville" is unarmoured. Unless her armament has been altered recently, it consists of eight 8-inch guns, with eight 3-inch A.A., eight 37-mm. A.A. and 12 13-mm. A.A. guns, as well as six torpedo tubes in triple mounts.

Her geared turbine engines, with 8 main and 1 auxiliary boiler, gave her a designed shaft-horsepower of 120,000 to drive her through the water at 33 knots. On trials, however, her engines developed 130,000 S.H.P. and she touched just a fraction over 36 knots, running on normal displacement. At 15 knots, she has a cruising range of 5,000 miles, with a range of 700 miles at full speed.

"Suffren" is actually a modified version of the "Tourville" class, but two knots of speed were sacrificed to give her a little better protection in the shape of a thin patch of armour over the engine and boiler spaces; fitted with internal bulges, she has 17 water-tight bulkheads which are carried right up to the upper deck.

Nearly 38 Knots
Laid down at Brest in 1926, "Suffren" was completed in 1930. A triple-screw vessel powered, like "Tourville," with geared turbines, she was supposed to develop 90,000 S.H.P. at a speed between 31.3 and 32.5 knots, but she did better than this on her trials, developing 98,000 S.H.P. and touching nearly 38 knots. Incidentally, she has a useful turn of speed at half-power—29 knots.

With a standard displacement of 9,038 tons, she is armed with eight 8-inch, eight 3-inch A.A. and eight 87mm. guns, as well as a number of smaller weapons.

EXPLOSION
Kokuka, Kyushu, May 24.
Thirteen Japanese died and seven were hospitalized as the result of a blast of 2,100 boxes of black powder stored in the Yamata ammunition dump awaiting burning.

The area was restricted but 50 Japanese were illegally present gathering wood.

The blast was so heavy that cement walls reinforced with steel were thrown 200 feet. The area was under marine control but no Americans were involved in the incident.—Associated Press.

HIROHITO IS VERY WORRIED
Tokyo, May 24.
Emperor Hirohito, in a two minute broadcast to the nation called upon the people to help solve the food problem which, he said, "is extremely serious and a source of profound worry to me."

He added: "The Government must take adequate measures immediately to solve this question. At the same time the people themselves must help in shouldering the burden."

"It makes my heart ache to have to ask this from my people when they have not yet fully recovered from the sufferings of war but without the help of the whole nation, the efforts so far made for the reconstruction of our country on peaceful lines will have been in vain."—Reuter.

Rehabilitation In Malaya
Kuala Lumpur, May 24.
The Chinese Government has made available \$30,000,000 as loans for the rehabilitation of Chinese industries in Malaya, stated Dr. Wu Park-shing, Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, who has arrived in Kuala Lumpur on a month's tour of Malaya.

The objects of Dr. Wu's tour are to convey the goodwill of the Chinese Government to Malayan Chinese, investigate the necessity for relief of war-hit Chinese and to further improve the cordial relations between the Chinese and Malays and other communities.

Visiting the Sultan of Selangor, Dr. Wu discussed Sino-Malay harmony. He said he deplored the communal strife which occurred shortly after the Japanese surrender and attributed it to Japanese instigation.—Reuter.

REGIONAL OFFICER

London, May 24.
Vincent J. Jasper, formerly a missionary in China, has been appointed Regional Officer for China on the Headquarters Staff of the British Council in London and will take up his duties at the beginning of June.

After service as Evacuation Officer under the India and Burma Governments during the retreat from Burma, Mr. Jasper became a lecturer at the Kunming University and subsequently was Chinese editor in the Government of India's Department of Information and Broadcasting at New Delhi.—Reuter.

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J. Moodie, Acting Manager and Secretary

The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1946.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Members will be held at the Catholic Centre, 1st floor, King's Building, on Tuesday, 28th May, 1946, at 5.45 p.m. to elect Officers for the General Council of the Society for the year 1946.

All active and passive Members as well as those interested in the work of the Society are earnestly requested to attend.

G. A. VAS, President General.

FOR SALE

A wrecked DUMP GATE VESSEL lying sunk in Causeway Bay is offered for sale as she lies. Tender forms can be obtained on application at Section VI of Naval Store Office, H.M. Naval Yard Hong Kong, and should be returned in a sealed cover addressed to the Suptdg. Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard on or before noon on 29th May 1946.

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A new tariff is in course of preparation and shippers are requested to obtain information on freight rates from their shipping companies.

P. M. COTTON, Secretary

TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU

HONG KONG, 23rd May, 1946.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

NOTICE FOR TENDERS

It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Office Furniture" will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Public Works Department, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Tuesday, 4th June 1946.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a receipt that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of \$100.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Administration if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted.

All necessary materials will be supplied. The furniture to be manufactured from Hardwood supplied in bulk. Delivery of bulk timber and other materials and collection of furniture will be arranged by the Controller of Stores.

Forms of Tender and Specifications may be obtained from Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

The Administration does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of each tender.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of \$1,000.00 as security for due and faithful performance of his contract.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 28th. May 1946, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at the Premises of The Kung On Godown, The Praya, West Point.

46 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS comprising—

Cans, Old Gunny Bags, Spray Lacquer, Machinery and Parts, Mattresses, Oil Cloth and Tarpaulin, Chinese Paper, Rope Winding Machines, Etc., Etc.

The above Premises will be open to inspection on 25th May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and on 27th May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

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"THE GHOST OF FRANKENSTEIN"

Rail Strike Throws U.S. Into Confusion

DEADLY

Washington, May 24. The Democrat Congressman Albert Thomas told the House of Representatives today that the United States Navy has "something more deadly than the atomic bomb today—and not tomorrow—and it is in usable shape."

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Appropriations Committee, which heard secret evidence from high Navy officials.

He spoke during today's debate on Navy appropriations, but he declined to elaborate his statement to correspondents.—Reuter.

Air Power Determines U.S. Security

Washington, May 24. General Carl Spaatz, army air force's commanding general, told a group of air reservists today that the army's new B36 bomber could carry an atom bomb 10,000 miles.

Detailing plans for a 500,000-man regular air force supported by national guard and air reservists, he said "the degree of efficiency of this organization will determine American security."

He said post-war bombers with a range of thousands of miles and 600 miles an hour fighter planes made it imperative in the atomic age for the United States to maintain ready and efficient air defenses.

He said the army air forces would start to train reserve pilots and ground crews at 40 bases in July and training would be started progressively at 90 additional bases before mid-1947 provided Congress authorized funds.

They planned to call for ground and flight training for 50,000 reserve officers and 120,000 enlisted reservists.—Associated Press.

SIR KEITH PARK DECORATED

London, May 24. Acting Air Chief Marshal, Sir Keith Rodney Park, has been made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his distinguished service in Southeast Asia, the London Gazette announced tonight.—Reuter.

London, May 24. The Moscow Radio states that a Polish delegation arrived in Moscow today, headed by the Polish President and Prime Minister.—Reuter.

Atom-Bomb Fleet Sets Sail

Pearl Harbour, May 23.

Ten target and support vessels, the biggest group of atom bomb test ships to leave Pearl Harbour, sailed yesterday for Bikini Atoll, headed by the USS McKinley, flagship of Task Force—Commander Vice-Admiral William H. P. Blandy.

Only a handful of larger target ships are left in Pearl Harbour including the veteran aircraft carrier USS Saratoga and the former German heavy cruiser Prinz Eugene.

Admiral Blandy told reporters before boarding his flagship that scale model tests indicate that very high waves will be produced by the second atomic bomb explosion beneath the surface of Bikini Lagoon.

The bomb will be slung in a bathysphere like a caisson beneath the surface and exploded by radio from a ship 20 miles away. The first test, an air drop test, is scheduled for July 1 and the second as soon after as possible.

Blandy said the model tests in the Navy's Maryland testing basin indicated the high waves, but he made no forecast of what damage the wave might do outside the basin.

Technical Deputy Rear-Admiral W. S. Parsons said experiments showed that underwater shots were much more effective against targets than air dropped bombs. A special instrument will send the automatic signal to the laboratory ship to record the efficiency of the underwater bomb.

The caisson will be suspended by two cables rigged to prevent the fouling of electric lines.

The underwater blast will in no way interfere with next year's scheduled deep sea experiment. The Admiral said the third test will be below

THE STRIKE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF 337 RAILWAYS STARTED AT 2100 GMT TONIGHT. PRESIDENT TRUMAN, MEANWHILE, WAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, CONFERRING WITH RAILWAY OWNERS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES IN AN EFFORT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE.

THERE WAS NO WORD OF ANY DECISION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AS 250,000 RAILWAY WORKERS (ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN) IN TWO UNIONS STARTED THEIR WALKOUT.

Hours before the strike started the major railways had begun to cancel through trains leaving thousands of passengers stranded.

In New York, would be travellers fought to board the last trains, climbing through windows to get into the carriages.

In New York's Grand Central Station, 6,000 persons rushed for the trains and there was complete confusion as the mass of people trying to get in jammed with those trying to leave.

All the Long Island trains, which carry 250,000 workers to and from work daily, were cancelled before the strike began and scores of thousands were left stranded in New York City.

Pool Set Up

The Government, immediately took control of all non-rail means of transport to carry essential foods and mail. All lorries, buses, airlines, water carriers and railways still operating were ordered by the Government to pool their equipment and arrange their schedules to ensure the maximum movement of passengers and freight.

A general embargo was placed on all freight movements with the exception of emergency materials.

The dispute of the 1,400,000 railway workers began in July last year when 20 unions made demands for wage increases ranging up to as much as \$2.50 a day.

Eighteen unions agreed to be bound by arbitration, but the two brotherhoods of engineers and of trainmen with their 250,000 members called a strike for May 18.

Scenes Of Confusion

The strike order was rescinded at the last minute with a five-day truce, but the eastern railways had already become tangled before official notification reached the men that the strike had been temporarily called off.

Only the eastern States were at first affected but across the United States the walk-out will be on when the deadline in the different time zones is reached.

In all major cities the railway stations presented scenes of confusion as thousands who rushed to catch the last trains were turned away by early cancellations of services.

In many communities, wartime motor pools were hastily reorganized.—Associated Press.

Red Cross No Shield

Dachau, May 23.

An ambulance driver who helped wounded Germans in Normandy told today how enemy troops ignored his Red Cross status and shot him four times after he had surrendered at the Malmédy crossroads massacre on Dec. 17, 1944.

Glaring at the SS defendants, Samuel Dobyns described to a military war crimes court the shooting of more than 100 United States troops as they stood hands up in surrender in a field in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge.

Dobyns was trapped by cross fire that day and his ambulance riddled by machine-gun fire. He said he had just painted new red crosses on the ambulance.

He testified that he surrendered to a group of German troops and that one private wanted to kill him on the spot.

"An officer told him not to shoot me," Dobyns said. He walked slowly before the defendants but was unable to pick out the officer.—Associated Press.

Armed Forces Of Spain

New York, May 23.

The State Department said that the present strength of the Spanish armed forces is currently estimated at more than 600,000 men, with some 575,000 of that number in the army.

The report said that "Spanish armed forces at present appear to lack the material and trained personnel to fight a modern war," and that they are not deployed for offensive operations, "although Spain probably could defend itself against neighbours."

It also charged that Franco had not cooperated in sending Germans back to Germany. It said that up to May 10, the total of 1,659 Germans had been repatriated, but that there are now in Spain 2,205 Germans (exclusive of families) who should be repatriated as quickly as possible.—Associated Press.

CORPORAL'S STRIPES FOR HAAKON

Paris, May 24.

King Haakon of Norway is to be made an honorary corporal in the sixth Alpine battalion, one of the highest honours the French can bestow.

When General Emile Marie Bethouard goes to Norway to participate in ceremonies commemorating the battle of Narvik, he will carry with him the French military medal and the honorary corporal commission to bestow on the King who will be the only monarch to hold such a commission.—Associated Press.

Rear-Adm. E. D. B. McCarthy, 62, has been appointed Rear-Admiral (Destroyers), Mediterranean Fleet, to date early June, 1946. He has commanded three of Britain's most famous ships since the outbreak of war in 1939, the cruiser Ajax and the battleships King George V. and Anson.

FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY
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"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"

COMMUNISM V. DEMOCRACY

Washington, May 23.

William Z. Foster, Communist Party chairman, asserted that Communism is a "profound democratic movement" and Representative Claro Boothe Luce replied that "Communism and American democracy are antagonistic."

Foster declared in the debate over the Mutual Broadcasting System that "reactionaries are trigger-happy to use the atomic bomb on the world."

Representative Luce challenged his statement with: "Tell Uncle Joe (Stalin) to let the iron curtain down and let us all go in and have one big look. What's he got there in Russia that he is afraid of?"

Foster said "American monopolistic forces" are causing the present tension among the United Nations. Luce asked if, since 1939, he ever criticized anything that Stalin enunciated at Moscow. Foster replied that the Soviet policy has been correct.

Luce declared that imperialism charges against the United States are shabby nonsense and that Russia went to war because she was attacked by Germany, but before that, the two countries had a blood bond.

Luce accused Foster of not being loyal to the United States but loyal instead to anti-religious systems. She said she would rather die than to live under such a system.—Associated Press.

KING'S

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Buffalo, N.Y., May 24.
The Philco Corporation today
reported for the March quarter a
net loss of \$39,471 compared with
a net profit of \$840,000 equalling
62 cents a share in the first quar-
ter of last year.—Associated
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SYDNEY, MAY 24.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN APPEARED TO HAVE LOST
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SAID TODAY.
HE WAS COMMENTING ON A STORY ON THE HUGE
UNSATISFIED DEMAND FOR AUSTRALIAN PRO-
DUCTS IN THE FAR EAST.

Less Coal
In Europe

London, May 24.

Decreases during April in the
coal output of the principal Con-
tinental producing countries is
disclosed in provisional figures
published today by the European
coal organisation.

French output, however, con-
tinues to be above the pre-war
monthly average.

Western Germany produced
4,043,000 tons of hard coal—36
per cent of the pre-war monthly
average—compared with 4,386,000
tons in March.

France's figure of 4,043,000
metric tons, which is 104 per
cent of the pre-war monthly average,
was 162,000 tons below the
March total.

Belgium's production—79 per
cent of the pre-war monthly
average—was 1,879,000 metric
tons, as against 1,929,000 tons in
March.

The Netherlands' output was
69 per cent of the pre-war
monthly average—April total be-
ing 651,000 metric tons, as com-
pared with 662,000 tons for
March.

In Italy, production was 89,000
tons—86 per cent of the monthly
average for 1940.—Reuter.

U. S. COTTON

New York, May 23.

Cotton futures moved narrowly
and irregularly in quiet dealings
as traders awaited strike and
price control developments. The
weather turned fair in the cotton
belt and observers expressed the
opinion that the crop will make
rapid progress with a few weeks
of good weather.

July 27.60, October 27.89/90,
December 28.05, March 28.20,
Midling Spot 28.21.

New Orleans Cotton:—July
27.61, October 27.90/91, December
28.04/05, March 28.22, May
(1947) 28.28.—Associated Press.

N. Y. EXCHANGES

New York, May 23.

Foreign Exchanges:—
T.T. on Montreal \$9.00/76, Lon-
don \$4.03, Paris \$84, Buenos
Aires (free market) \$24.70, Rio
de Janeiro \$5.25, Mexico \$20.05,
Amsterdam (florin) \$37.80, Brus-
sels \$2.29, Batavia (guilder)
\$37.80, Singapore \$47.50, Bombay
\$30.35, Hong Kong \$25.25.—Asso-
ciated Press.

SOVIET WANTS LOAN

Washington, May 24.

United States Government offi-
cials stated tonight that the So-
viet Government had informed the
United States that it was still
interested in opening negotiations
looking towards a \$1,000,000,000
American loan to the Soviet Union.
—Reuter.

N.Y. STOCK
MARKET

New York, May 23.

Selective strong spots high-
lighted the stock market today al-
though profit-taking left many
leaders lower.

Dividend earnings and possible
split-up buyouts were favourable
factors.

Assorted steel, rail, liquor and
utility issues were in a now high
column from the start. Grains
ranged from fractions to four
points, but losers predominated at
the close of the market.

Volume of trading for the day
was 1,340,000 shares.

Dow Jones Averages: ... \$ 77.78
30 Industrials ... 208.05
20 Rails ... 66.09
15 Utilities ... 43.30

Adams Express 22 1/2, Alaska
Juneau 8 1/2, American Can 99 1/2,
American Smelting 68 1/2, Ameri-
can Telephone 108 1/2, American
Tobacco 25 1/2, American Water-
works 25 1/2, Anaconda Copper
47 1/2, Aviation Corporation 11 1/2,
Baldwin 30 1/2, Bondix Aviation
48 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 108 1/2, Boe-
ing 28, Borden Co. 54 1/2, Canadian
Pacific 10, J.I. Case 47 1/2, Chrysler
120 1/2, Colgate 62, Commercial Sol-
vents 29 1/2, Corn Products 62 1/2,
Dupont 47 1/2, Eastman Kodak
26 1/2, Electric Light & Power 28 1/2,
General Motors 42 1/2, Goodrich 77,
Goodyear 72 1/2, Homestake Mining
47, International Harvester 95 1/2,
International Paper 49 1/2, Inter-
national Tel. & Tel. 26 1/2, Johns
Manville 154, Kennecott Copper
68 1/2, Montgomery Ward 99 1/2, Na-
tional Distillers 86 1/2, National
Lead 38 1/2, New York Central R.R.
26 1/2, Packard Motors 9 1/2, Pan-
American Airways 19 1/2, Penn-
sylvania R.R. 42 1/2, Radio Corporation
107 1/2, Real Silk 26, Republic Steel
37 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 44 1/2,
Schenley 84, Sears Roebuck 43 1/2,
Shell Oil 38 1/2, Socony Vacuum
17, Southern Pacific 64 1/2, Stand-
ard Brands 51 1/2, Standard Oil of
Calif 57 1/2, Union Bag 35 1/2, Union
Carbide 119 1/2, U.S. Rubber 76 1/2,
U.S. Steel 86 1/2, Westinghouse
34 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube
77 1/2.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Haiyang from
Shanghai, U.S.S. Crag from Guam,
H.M.S. Tyne from exercises and
F.S. Tourville and Suffren.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Samtyne, S.S.
Cromwell and S.S. King Hannan
VII from Singapore and S.S. Sea
Lynx from Shanghai.

Departures

Yesterday:—L.C.I. (L) 172 and
H.D.M.L. 1105 for Macao, H.M.S.
Crag for Macao, U.S.S. Orlick
and S.S. Van Heutz for Swatow.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—M.S. 10 for Borneo
and H.M.S. Cocade for Trin-
comalee.

GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, May 23.

Trading was light in the
Chicago Board of Trade today.
Scattered selling, apparently re-
flecting favourable weather and
good prospects caused fractional
losses in oats. Wheat held at
ceiling prices.

Wheat:—July 1.83 1/2, August
1.98 1/2, September 1.83 1/2, Novem-
ber 1.93 1/2, December 1.93 1/2, March
1.93 1/2.

Corn:—July 1.21 1/2, September
1.21 1/2, January 1.46 1/2, March
1.35 1/2.

Oats:—July 0.83, August 0.84 1/2,
September 0.80, November 0.84 1/2,
December 0.81 1/2, March 0.84 1/2.

Rye:—July 1.48 1/2, September
1.48 1/2, November 1.53 1/2, Decem-
ber 1.48 1/2, March 1.53 1/2.

Barley:—July 1.20 1/2, September
1.20 1/2, November 1.21 1/2, Decem-
ber 1.20 1/2, March 1.21 1/2.

Winnipeg Rye:—May 2.68 bid,
July 2.60.—Associated Press.

NANKING CREDIT

FOR OVERSEAS

Nanking, May 24.

The Chinese Government has
decided to extend a fifty million
United States dollars credit loan
to Chinese overseas at low in-
terest for reconstruction.

The loan will be divided as
follows: Twenty million for Ma-
laya, fifteen million for the
Netherlands East Indies and five
million each for Siam, Burma and
the Philippines.—Reuter.

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The Annual General Meeting of
the Union Insurance Society of
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Canada 27 1/2, Switzerland 107,
Australia 1/6 1/2, U.S. Cross rate
in London 402 1/2-3 1/2.

New York, May 24.

The American Bankers' Asso-
ciation today reported that the
banking resources of the United
States have more than doubled
from 1940 to 1945. At the end
of last year there were 14,661
banks with aggregate resources
at over \$177,804,000,000. Loans
and discounts stand at over \$30-
000,000,000.—Associated Press.

Rome, May 24.

The police in Rome Milan and
Florence, in an effort to guaran-
tee orderly elections on June 2,
have rounded up nearly 100
men suspected of being ter-

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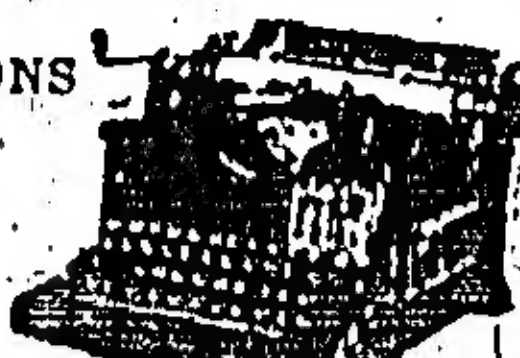
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REPORTED REVOLT IN NORTH-WEST IRAN

TEHRAN, MAY 24.
A REVOLT HAS BEEN STARTED IN SOME PARTS OF AZERBAIJAN IN NORTH-WEST IRAN, BY ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO THE PROVINCE'S RULING DEMOCRAT PARTY, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REACHING HERE TONIGHT.
FIGHTING IS STILL TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA OF SHAHINDEH IN KURDISTAN, NORTH-WEST IRAN, ACCORDING TO AN IRANIAN OFFICIAL IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE TEHRAN CABINET.

T.U.C. Thinks Over Spain Boycott

London, May 24.
The boycott of goods to Spain is being considered by the Trades Union Congress.
A statement issued by the General Council today disclosed that a report had been received from the Trade Union Congress representatives at the Paris meeting of the Anglo-French Trade Union Council on May 13 and 14, which considered international boycott of goods to Spain.
The General Council decided to defer further consideration until the French Confederation had supplied details of the nature and volume of the past and present imports and exports between France and Spain.
The anti-France movement, advance the argument that, as a result of the closing of the French-Spanish frontier, British supplies to Spain have increased.—Reuter.

RADIO

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1946.
RELAY FROM ENSA STAR THEATRE.
ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.62 Megacycles.

H.A.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—No. 1 Ballroom Centre Dance Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Mayday! Ince & His Harmonium Organ.
1.25 p.m.—Moreton & Kaye on Two Pianos.
1.40 p.m.—B.H.C. Military Band and Peter Dawson (Dance-Harmonium).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—The Splice of Life.
2.50 p.m.—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
3.20 p.m.—Three Songs by Elizabeth Welch (Comedienne).
3.30 p.m.—Studio-17th "Quint"—"Foolish Four" versus Petty Officer's Mess, Wellington Barracks.
3.40 p.m.—London Relay—News.
3.45 p.m.—Leon Whitson Quintet—ENSA.
3.45 p.m.—Palace Theatre Orchestra.
3.55 p.m.—Jack Cooper (Vocal) with Sidney Torch at the Piano—ENSA.
4.10 p.m.—Relay—ENSA Star Theatre—"To Your Likings".
4.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
4.30 p.m.—London Relay—Vic Oliver introduces.
4.35 p.m.—London Relay—News.
4.40 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
4.50 p.m.—Close Down.
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Radio SEAC, Ceylon, the Services station, broadcasting on a frequency of 15120 Kcs (18.84 metres) and 4976 Kcs (49.86 metres) from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (Indian Standard Time is 3 1/2 hours ahead of H.K. time).
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SATURDAY, MAY 25th.—0900 Music On The Air; 0930 The News and Home News (BBC); 0945 Morning Star; 0700 Music From America; 0730 I'll Play To You (BBC); 0800 The News and Home News (BBC); 0810 Programme Announcements; 0815 What Next?; 0830 British Band of the AEF; 0900 Guest Star; 0930 The News and Home News (BBC); 0940 Programme Announcements; 0945 Round The Bend; 1000 Bright and Shining (BBC); 1030 Music From The Movies; 1100 News Headlines; 1101 Salute To Rhinoceros; 1130 News; And Then; 1200 News Headlines; 1201 Yours, For The Asking; 1200 Over to America; 1230 The News (BBC); 1340 Bandstand; 1400 Music Time; 1430 Follow The Leaders; 1500 Music Of The Footlights; 1500 SEAC Hit Parade; 1600 Command Performance; 1630 The News and Home News (BBC); 1640 Keyboard Club; 1715 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1740 Comic Corner; 1800 Radio SEAC World and Home News; 1800 Yours For The Asking; 1900 Fantasia; 1930 BBC Sports Commentary and Music (BBC); 2100 The News and Home News (BBC).

Debate On Egypt

(Continued from Page 1)
These two countries, whose friendship has been tried and tested, should give expression, in their vision of a treaty, to the reality which is that each is in need of the other.
Mr. Bevin Replies
Mr. Bevin, Foreign Secretary, began his reply with a few remarks about Mr. Winston Churchill. He said that he went through many a crisis and shared with Mr. Churchill many a painful and difficult decision. In the present international circumstances he thought the Labour Party might have earned a little reciprocity. When the Party spirit gained the upper hand of national interest, however, one had to take what came along.
Mr. Bevin added: "I am suggesting that with all sincerity, I have watched Mr. Churchill as a great patriot and half an hour afterwards as a party man. It is two different persons entirely; duality of character which has been most pronounced in my experience."
"This problem of Egypt is a very difficult one to deal with. I would remind members that it is not the only international problem left on the plate as a result of the war for the Government to deal with and it has to be looked at in relation to many other great difficulties that we have to grapple with at the present moment."
"It was said by Mr. Churchill, as I might put it in colloquial phrase, that you must not funk the issue because it involves trouble and difficulty of decision."
"I came to this decision and I advised the Cabinet with my eyes open and with deliberation. (Cheers). Neither was it affected by my being in Paris nor anything of that kind. This was a deliberate policy come to after careful consideration."
(Opposition member: "Reluctantly.")
"Not reluctantly. I did not say that."
"No Apology"
"I am taking for myself as Foreign Secretary. As Foreign Secretary I put forward this advice: I put it forward deliberately and therefore I make no apology for it. But Mr. Churchill was talking about difficulty in decision. He suggests the decision to take was to use force as against relying on morality."
"When you have 100,000 troops in a country of nearly 200,000 it is very easy to say that those troops can keep order and you can do this, that or anything. That is the gravest abuse of the 1936 treaty. That is entirely a difficult situation and in fact one of the great difficulties in association with this business is the number of troops in Alexandria."
Replying to the Conservative suggestion that the Government should have evacuated British troops from the great Egyptian cities at the end of the war, Mr. Bevin said: "When we won the Italian battle and got into Italy, and Mr. Churchill was Minister of Defence, why did he not begin to move these troops out of Cairo and Alexandria?"
Mr. Churchill replied: "The reason was because Egypt remained a great focal centre of all communications with the East."
Mr. Bevin said that he disputed that "all these troops were required there — all records of offices and the enormous number of generals who were put in in the day of Churchill. These troops were not cut down. Many of them were not fighting. In fact, I had to come to the House in the name of the coalition government and get the Conscription Act to call up a large number of civilians in Cairo who were escaping military service.—Reuter."

U.N.O. AND NORTH IRAN

New York, May 24.
The British delegation is expected to support the United States proposal for Security Council investigation of the situation in Northern Iran if categorical and satisfactory information from Tehran on the Soviet evacuation of Iran and on Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Iran is not available before the next Council session on Iran, Reuter learns authoritatively.

The British delegation is still unable to verify the report of the situation in the Azerbaijan province because, according to official despatches, the British Consul is not being allowed to enter Tabriz, capital of the province. The American Consul is said to be in the same position.
The United States proposal for an investigation of the North Iranian situation involves these points under study here: Would the establishment of investigation as a constitution action be subject to Russian veto?
Is the Iranian case a dispute and if so can Russia as one of the parties to it exercise the veto?
Is the determination of what is or what is not a dispute itself subject to veto and can Russia exercise the veto while its delegate, M. Gromyko, absents himself from the proceedings on Iran?—Reuter.

"Certified"

London, May 24.
Tehran radio today quoted the Prime Minister, Ghassem En Sultaneh, for the statement that the Soviet evacuation of the whole of the province of Azerbaijan had now been "certified." The radio added that the statement was contained in a letter from the Premier, "intended for publication."
The letter said that as a result of investigation "it is certified that the whole of Azerbaijan has been evacuated by Russian troops in this province."

London, May 24.
The Mayor of Budapest, Josef Kovacs, and his wife arrived here air today on a visit to see British housing and welfare developments.—Reuter.
Rio de Janeiro, May 24.
Thirty persons were wounded, one of whom is reported to have died, when Brazilian mounted police charged and fired on a crowd at a Communist Party rally in Rio de Janeiro last night.
Rome, May 24.
Two people were killed and 60 injured in an explosion in the Staccini powder factory at Bagni Di Tivoli, about 20 miles from Rome. All casualties were employees of the factory.—Reuter.
Oslo, May 24.
Norway will contribute \$15,000,000 worth of food to the hungry people of Europe, Sven Ottungen, Minister of Social Affairs, told the Norwegian Parliament yesterday.—Associated Press.
Jerusalem, May 24.
The chairman of the Arab Higher Committee stated today that "an underground army" was being organized throughout Syria and Lebanon, ready to cross the border into Palestine to help the Arabs there.—Reuter.
May 22 (Wednesday) announced the complete evacuation of the Iranian Ambassador in Washington has been informed of the complete evacuation of the Iranian Ambassador in Washington.

Around The World

London, May 24.
Captain Mahmood Khan Durran of the First Bahawalpur State Infantry forces has been awarded the George Cross for conspicuous gallantry in carrying out dangerous work in a very brave manner. It was officially announced tonight.—Reuter.
Rotterdam, May 24.
Some of the troops who were called in to man the Rotterdam harbour, where harbour dockers are on strike, have been withdrawn on instructions of the authorities. Civilian volunteers have now taken over their task.—Reuter.
London, May 24.
Mr. Ralph Ascheton, Conservative M.P. for the City of London, is resigning the chairmanship of the Conservative Party Organisation. The Conservative Party central office is making no statement at present but early in April it was stated that Mr. Ascheton hoped to be released from the chairmanship in order to concentrate on opposition in the House of Commons.—Reuter.
London, May 24.
The quantity of food grains to be shipped to India under the revised allocations by the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, during his visit to the United States will be twice as much as the amount to be shipped to the British zone in Germany, according to well informed sources in London.
There is still no indication here as to the tonnage involved and as to the tonnage involved and as to the tonnage involved.

SPORTS SECTION

India's Easy Victory Over Scotland

EDINBURGH, MAY 24.
INDIA DEFEATED A SCOTTISH SIDE BY AN INNINGS AND 56 RUNS IN THEIR TWO-DAY "PICNIC" MATCH HERE. FORCED TO FOLLOW ON AFTER A FIRST INNINGS SCORE OF 101 IN REPLY TO THE INDIANS' 247, THE HOME TEAM WERE ALL OUT AGAIN FOR 90.
SARWATE, THE INDIAN BOWLER, TOOK FIVE SCOTTISH WICKETS FOR 30 IN THE FIRST INNINGS AND SEVEN FOR 42 IN THE SECOND, INCLUDING THE HAT TRICK.

His hat trick came at the tail end of the game today when he clean bowled three batsmen with the first three balls of the third over after tea. The last four men in the Scottish side were dismissed in nine balls.
Aitchison, a Scottish Church minister, who was top scorer for Scotland with 59 in their first innings, had tried hard to avoid the follow-on. Undaunted by his team mates' wickets cracking around him, he hit four fours in a 100-minute innings and once lifted a ball from Hazare out of the ground for six. Hazare had his revenge in the next over when he got Aitchison caught at the wicket.
With Aitchison gone, the home side were all out shortly afterwards for 101. Hazare taking the last two wickets with successive balls.
The Scots, 146 in arrears, opened again with Aitchison and Wykes. Twenty-five runs ran up in as many minutes, but with Hazare on to bowl again, Wykes was run out for 14.
At 34, Sarwate, who developed a deadly length, completely beat McFarlane when he was only three. In the next year he produced an off-break which beat Dewar (who was a P.O.W. in Japan) and three wickets were down for 34. Back in the pavilion the astonished Dewar

swore his ball broke 18 inches. Aitchison was playing firmly again and with Heggie hoisted 50 in 55 minutes of play when Heggie pulled Sarwate to square leg for four. The ball bounced into a nearby railway cutting and Sarwate, using another ball for his next delivery, got Heggie leg-before-wicket with the total 62 for four.
After batting for an hour, Aitchison at 23 was beaten by Hazare and half the side were out for 66.
Nichol, reputed to be the steadiest all-rounder in Scotland, came in and swept Sarwate to the boundary with his first hit. Tea was taken at 85 for five with Nichol 10 not out and Mortimer not out nine.
Then came a sensational ending. Sarwate and Hazare finished the game in 20 minutes after tea, taking five wickets in 33 balls for five runs.
With three runs added after tea, Mortimer was l.b.w. with the total 88. Then Sarwate rattled out Marshall, Clark and Hodge with successive balls. With the score unchanged at 90, Hazare took the last wicket and the game was over by 5.15 p.m.
King At Oval
The King received a great ovation at the Oval cricket ground today when he took his seat in the pavilion to watch a one-day Surrey Centenary match with the Surrey county side playing Old England, a team of well-known veterans.
Fifteen thousand spectators at the match saw a drawn but interesting game. Surrey batted first and declared at 248 for six wickets (Gregory 62, Squires 68). Old England were 232 for five (Woolley 62, Hendren 94, Jardine 54) when stumps were drawn.
The umpires were two: old England and Surrey players—Jack Hobbs and Herbert Strudwick.
Other close of play scores today were:

County Matches
At Birmingham: Somerset 55 and 199 (Gimlett 99, Hollies five for 54, Farnham five for 55) versus Warwickshire 149 (Langdale five for 30) and 44 for two.
At Oxford: Oxford University 215 and 158 versus Yorkshire 251 (Sellers 69, Coxon 53) and 16 for one.
At Ilford: Sussex 343 and 48 for one versus Essex 357 (Peter Smith 50, Tedder 55, Taylor 54, Vicar 65).
At Northampton: Northants 271 (Davis 118, Greenwood 54) versus Kent 144 and 254 for six (Spender 77).
At Bristol: Gloucestershire 59 and 153 for eight beat Glamorgan 95 and 115 (Goddard seven for 48) by two wickets.
London, May 24.
Cricket results for county matches today were:
At Birmingham: Warwickshire 149 and 106 for eight beat Somerset 55 and 199 by two wickets.
At Oxford: Yorkshire 251 and 123 for four beat Oxford University 215 and 158 by six wickets.—Reuter.

Easy Win

New York, May 24.
Miss Priscilla Bullock's Neapolitan, quoted at 66 to 1 for the Derby prior to winning here this afternoon, ran a splendid race in the hands of Harry Wragg to beat two other Derby candidates, White Jacket and Peterborough, by two lengths and a neck respectively to win the Great Northern Stakes over a mile and a half.
Neapolitan won without any undue exertion and his forward showing must put him well into the Derby picture, together with his stable companions, Gulf Stream and Sky High.
Lord Durham's White Jacket, who is the Northern hope to win the Derby may not have appreciated the firm going, but otherwise there was no excuse for his defeat.

"CRICKET IN THE SUN"

London, May 24.
Leavie Constantine, who is covering the Indian tourist games for Reuters, gave some interesting facts of his new book "Cricket in the Sun."
He draws a rather sombre picture of county games as a profession for a young man. "It is a tremendous strain on physique to play first class cricket for ten years; most men are finished at 35 or soon after, just when in other jobs big money is starting coming in."
County contracts with players usually run for a season at a time, and a man can be dismissed summarily. "If he runs into a bad spell he learns to dread every face on the committee."
Constantine thinks three day matches too long. He suggests a time limit of 90 minutes for each 50 runs, a man who does not attain it to be given out.
He is outspoken on the captaincy of West Indies teams which, he says, should always have a coloured leader. "It will be noticed that there is always a white captain. Even in cricket it is not the most competent captain who is chosen."—Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

New York, May 24.
New York tied the Major League record for home runs in one inning when the Yankees registered three in a row in the fifth stanza today in defeating the Detroit Tigers 12 to 6.
In the only other American loop game, Cleveland edged Boston 3 to 2 in ten innings with Embree doing the pitching chores for the victors. The Washington-St. Louis game was postponed because of rain. They were the only two games scheduled.
In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers retained their first place to with St. Louis by noosing out the Chicago Cubs 2 to 1 in 11 innings. Herring pitched for the Dodgers. St. Louis Cardinals defeated New York 4 to 1 with Whitey Kurowski at St. Louis—slamming out his fifth homer of the season. Besley was on the mound for the victors.
Pittsburgh's Ralph Hiner hit two homers and a double when the Pirates went on a batting spurge to defeat Philadelphia 10 to 2 with pitcher Behr holding the Phillies to 8 scattered hits.
There were only three scheduled games in the National League.
Scores:

American			
	R	H	E
New York	12	7	0
Detroit	6	2	0
Cleveland	3	12	0
Boston	2	7	1

National			
	R	H	E
Chicago	1	7	1
Brooklyn	2	7	0
St. Louis	4	7	0
New York	1	4	0
Pittsburgh	10	15	0
Philadelphia	2	8	1

PHOTO-FINISH
Hollywood, May 23.
C. H. Pinon's Happy Issue, six-year-old mare, won the \$25,000 six furlong Premier handicap opening day at the Hollywood Park race track from Quick Reward in a photo finish.
The time was 1:10.2/5, one fifth second off the track record.
Overlooked in the wagering, Happy Issue, winner of the 1944 Hollywood gold cup, returned \$40 for \$2.—Associated Press.

AMATEUR BOXING
London, May 23.
The Amateur Boxing Association said today it would take action later this year on invitations from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark and Turkey to send boxing teams there.
The amateur boxing season finishes on June 30 and the International Committee will meet subsequently to consider the invitations for international matches.—Associated Press.
Fall River, Mass., May 24.
The Liverpool soccer club stars of the English football league won a fast-played 3 to 2 victory over Fall River in this city's first game under lights.—Associated Press.
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